

Criminal Lab Essay

Andrew is walking down the street in his neighborhood and notices Ethan's bicycle is left unattended near a tree in Ethan's front yard. Andrew decides to take the bicycle for a quick ride and then return it where he found it. Because he is Ethan's friend, he doesn't think Ethan will mind, and Andrew doesn't ask for permission. Andrew rides the bike to an ice cream shop and leaves the bike outside for a minute. When Andrew comes back outside, the bike is gone.

Brandon is walking down the street and notices Ethan's bike outside the ice cream shop. Brandon doesn't know Andrew or Ethan, but sees the unattended bike and decides to take it. Brandon rides the bike a few streets over and sees his friend Carl. Brandon asks Carl if he wants to buy the bike from him for 15 dollars. Carl thinks that bike could be stolen because the price is so low, but he decides not to ask any questions. Carl purchases the bike and takes it home.

The next day, Carl decides he doesn't want to keep the bike any longer and decides to sell it. Carl holds a garage sale and advertises that the bike is for sale alongside other belongings that Carl puts up for sale. David approaches Carl's garage sale and asks about the bike. Carl tells David that that the bike is his and that Carl is willing to sell it for \$75. David purchases the bike and leaves.

- 1) Discuss whether Andrew should be charged with larceny and/or possession of stolen goods.
- 2) Discuss whether Brandon should be charged with larceny and/or possession of stolen goods.
- 3) Discuss whether Carl should be charged with larceny and/or possession of stolen goods.
- 4) Discuss whether David should be charged with larceny and/or possession of stolen goods.

Your total answer should be at least a double-spaced page and should be emailed to your professor by 5:30 p.m. on the day of your next class. You can use headings and the CRAC/IRAC method if it helps make your answer clearer.

Remember:

Larceny-

A person is guilty of this offense if they (1) take (2) personal property (3) in the possession of another and (4) carry it away (5) without the consent of the possessor and (6) with the intent to deprive the possessor of its use permanently (7) knowing that he or she was not entitled to it.

Possession of Stolen Goods:

A person is guilty of this offense if they (1) possess (2) stolen property (3) knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe that it was stolen (4) with a dishonest purpose.